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JOHANNESBERG FOR STONEY COOKS

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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS SYMPOSIUM IN LESOTHO

REFERENCE: USUN 2916 (NOTAL)

1. AS DEPARTMENT HAS NO INFORMATION ON NATURE OF RESOLUTIONS OR OTHER DOCUMENTS SUCH AS CONFERENCE DECLARATION WHICH MIGHT EMERGE FROM HUMAN RIGHTS SYMPOSIUM IN MASERU,
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WE ARE UNABLE AT THIS TIME TO PROVIDE USDEL WITH SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS. US OPPOSITION TO APARTHEID AND TO DETENTION FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES HAS OFTEN BEEN REAFFIRMED BY US SPOKESMEN IN VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL FORUMS. GENERAL REMARKS ALONG LINES OF EARLIER USG STATEMENTS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS. HOWEVER, USDEL SHOULD PROMPTLY CABLE TO DEPARTMENT TEXTS OF ANY CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS, DECLARA-

TIONS, OR PROPOSED US STATEMENTS TO THE SYMPOSIUM FOR COMMENT AND INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE VOTING.

2. WITH SPECIFIC RESPECT TO NAMIBIA, SWAPO'S JULY 17 DEMAND (REFTEL BEING REPEATED TO YOU) FOR RELEASE OF THREE ADDITIONAL PRISONERS COULD FURTHER COMPLICATE THE ALREADY SENSITIVE SITUATION WHICH WILL PREVAIL PRIOR TO SECURITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF WESTERN SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL. USDEL SHOULD INFORM DEPARTMENT BY IMMEDIATE CABLE OF ANY SYMPOSIUM INITIATIVE REGARDING NAMIBIA AND SHOULD AWAIT DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS THEREON. IN GENERAL YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT THE WESTERN SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL FOR NAMIBIA, WHICH HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY BOTH SWAPO AND SOUTH AFRICA, PROVIDES FOR RELEASE OF ALL NAMIBIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS. WE FEEL THAT, WITH REGARD TO NAMIBIAN PRISONERS, SYMPOSIUM SHOULD LIMIT ITSELF TO ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AGREEMENT AND URGE ITS IMPLEMENTATION.

3. DEPARTMENT IS SENDING SEPTTEL TEXTS OF EARLIER US STATEMENTS WHICH MAY BE OF USE. CHRISTOPHER

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